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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The applicants respectfully requests that the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each of these references is enclosed.

The non-English language references JP 4-23577 (AJ), JP 2000-32344 (AK), JP 2000-164845 (AL), JP 2000-312312 (AM), JP 2001-16502 (AN), and JP 2001-78095 (AO) were cited in an office action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the office action, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the

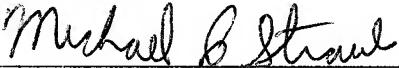
foreign office, is provided. Hence, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance has been satisfied. (See MPEP 609.04 (a) III.)

The applicants reserve the right to establish that any of the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A are not prior art to the above-captioned application.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, it should be considered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, it is believed that no additional fee is due. If, however, any additional fee is due, the Office is authorized to charge any fee required to have the Information Disclosure Statement considered to the deposit account of Straub & Pokotylo, deposit account number 50-1049.

Respectfully submitted,

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